196

SMITH VELMA T 05/05/82 082107 PRINTER: LI
81 JIDDA 4218

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED
PAGE 01 JIDDA 04218 01 OF 02 141403Z
ACTION NEA-07
INFO OCT-01 ADS-00 INR-10 EUR-12 SS-15 AF-10 CIAE-00
EA-12 DODE-00 IO-15 NSCE-00 NSAE-00 SSO-00 PM-09
PA-02 SSM-05 INRE-00 OES-09 ACDA-12 SSN-02 SP-02
SPRS-02 /125 W
372076 141407Z /41

O 141350Z JUN 81
FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3622
USICA WASHDC IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY ALGIERS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY BEIJING IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY DACCA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY DOHA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY JAKARTA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY MADRID IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY MOGADISHU IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED
PAGE 02 JIDDA 04218 01 OF 02 141403Z
AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY SANAA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY TUNIS IMMEDIATE
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE
USINT BAGHDAD IMMEDIATE
AMCONSUL DHAHRAN IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY DOHA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY J.L. DATE 9/30/82
RDS☐or XDS☐EXT. DATE
TS AUTH. REASON(S)
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐
DECLASSIFIED☐ RELEASABLE☒
RELEASE DENIED☐
PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS

1981SAUDI30

SMITH VELMA T 05/05/82 082108 PRINTER: LI
81 JIDDA 4218

UNCLASSIFIED

AMEMBASSY MANAMA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT IMMEDIATE
USLO RIYADH IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE
UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 JIDDA 04218
FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM AMBASSADOR NEUMANN
EO 12065: N/A
TAGS: MOPS, IS, PEPR, XF
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL SAUDI DENIAL OF AWACS INVOLVEMENT IN ISRAELI RAID INTO IRAQ

- I AM REPEATING TO YOU THE FOLLOWING SPA RELEASE NOTED IN FBIS LD 140924, FOR WHICH YOU WERE NOT ON DISTRIBUTION.
- BEGIN TEXT
- SPA: SAUDI SOURCE DENIES ISRAEL GIVEN INFORMATION FROM AWACS SYSTEM.
- RIYADH, JUNE 14 (SPA)--THE SAUDI ARABIAN KINGDOM HAS

UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED
PAGE 03 JIDDA 04218 01 OF 02 141403Z

EXPRESSED ITS STRONG REGRETS AT THE REPORTS, REITERATED BY FOREIGN AND ARAB PRESS, THAT THE AWACS AIRCRAFT WHICH HAVE BEEN PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN KINGDOM, HAVE BEEN PROVIDING ISRAEL WITH INFORMATION.
- A RESPONSIBLE SAUDI SOURCE TODAY MADE A STATEMENT TO SPA ON THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY ARAB AND FOREIGN PRESS ABOUT THE RANGE AND CAPABILITIES OF THE AWACS AIRCRAFT. THE SOURCE SAID THE RANGE OF THESE AIRCRAFT DOES NOT COVER THE ENTIRE AIRSPACE OF THE KINGDOM. FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID, IT IS KNOWN THAT THE KINGDOM IS SEEKING A COMPLETE SYSTEM TO ENABLE IT TO COVER ITS ENTIRE AIRSPACE WITH THE EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE PURPOSE. THE SOURCE ADDED THAT THE AWACS IN THE KINGDOM ARE IN THE POSSESSION OF SAUDI NATIONAL CADRES, WHO ALSO SUPERVISE THE INFORMATION THEY GATHER.
- THE SOURCE EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT AT THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY SOME ARAB AND FOREIGN PRESS IN AN ATTEMPT TO CAST SUSPICIONS ABOUT THE SAUDI PROJECT, AT A TIME WHEN ISRAEL IS DOING ALL IT CAN TO PREVENT THE KINGDOM FROM OBTAINING A COMPLETE AWACS SYSTEM.
- THE SOURCE ALSO DEPLORED THE ATTITUDE OF SOME ARAB PAPERS WHICH WERE MISLED BY THE ALLEGATIONS OF FOREIGN PAPERS--PAPERS WITH KNOWN OBJECTIVES--AND THUS FELL IN LINE WITH THE AIMS OF THE ZIONIST ENTITY.
- THE RESPONSIBLE SOURCE CALLED ON THESE PAPERS TO BE ALERT AGAINST THE DESIGNS OF THE ENEMIES OF THE ARAB NATION, AND NOT TO FALL FOR THE PLOTS WHICH SEEK TO SHATTER THE ARAB RANKS AND SOW THE SEEDS OF WEAKNESS AND DISINTEGRATION WITHIN IT AT A TIME WHEN THE ARAB NATION IS FACING EXTREMELY GRAVE CONDITIONS.

UNCLASSIFIED

SMITH VELMA T 05/05/82 082109 PRINTER: LI
81 JIDDA 4218

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED
PAGE 01 JIDDA 04218 02 OF 02 141404Z
ACTION NEA-07
INFO OCT-01 ADS-00 NEA-10 EUR-12 SS-15 AF-10 CIAE-00
EA-12 DODE-00 H-15 NSCE-00 NSAE-00 SSO-00 PM-09
PA-02 SSM-05 INRE-00 OES-09 ACDA-12 SSN-02 SP-02
SPRS-02 /125 W

----------372102 141408Z /41

O 141350Z JUN 81
FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3623
USICA WASHDC IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY ALGIERS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY BEIJING IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY DACCA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY DOHA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY JAKARTA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY MADRID IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY MOGADISHU IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED
PAGE 02 JIDDA 04218 02 OF 02 141404Z
AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY SANAA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY TUNIS IMMEDIATE
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE
USINT BAGHDAD IMMEDIATE
AMCONSUL DHAHRAN IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY DOHA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

DECLASSIFIED

SMITH VELMA T 05/05/82 082109 PRINTER: LI
81 JIDDA 4218

UNCLASSIFIED

AMEMBASSY MANAMA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT IMMEDIATE
USLO RIYADH IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE
UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 JIDDA 04218
- THE SOURCE SAID THE KINGDOM CALLS ON THE ARAB PRESS TO PLACE THE SUBLIME ARAB NATION ABOVE ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, SO THAT THE ARAB NATION CAN STAND FIRM IN THE FACE OF THE ZIONIST THREAT WHICH CONTINUES TO PLOT AGAINST IT.
END TEXT. NEUMANN
UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED